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[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the interview. [redacted] was represented at this meeting by his attorney, [redacted]. Also present during the interview was Special Agent [redacted], NC STATE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (SBI). [redacted] voluntarily appeared and provided the following information:

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[redacted] advised that he was present for this meeting to share some information that he thought would be beneficial to the FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI). [redacted] interjected that the reason for sharing this information was that possibly the Federal Government would [redacted]
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[redacted] that he had met an H. HARTFORD BROOKINS who was employed as the Bishop for the AME ZION CHURCH in Washington, D.C. [redacted] advised that Bishop BROOKINS was approximately sixty-nine (69) or seventy (70) years of age and would soon retire from his position, and that a possible problem with his retirement was the fact that the Bishop had deeded over property to [redacted] in exchange for [redacted] providing a promissory note in the form of a loan for approximately two hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars (\$225,000.00) to BROOKINS.

[redacted] further advised that the \$225,000.00 was in the form of a one-hundred and forty thousand dollar (\$140,000.00) check, and the remainder in fitness equipment and other property.

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[redacted] advised that the property which was deeded over to him was possibly done so without the approval of the board of the directors of the church, and that this could put Bishop BROOKINS in a bad position with regard to his retirement, in that he might lose his retirement over this action.

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[] advised that the property in question is known as the KITTRELL COLLEGE property in Vance County, NC.

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[] advised that it also appears that the money that was loaned to Bishop BROOKINS did not go to the benefit of the church and has not been repaid to date, and that [] was about to foreclose on the property and place a lien, in that he had a deed on this property.

[] advised that the Bishop had contacted him and told [] that he would get the property sold to the State of NC and thereby pay back [] the money on the loan. [] advised that the Bishop made some type of comment about getting [] whom [] described as [] to the State of NC, to facilitate having the property purchased by the State of NC.

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[] advised that the call from the Bishop was received by [] on approximately Monday or Tuesday of this current week. [] advised that the Bishop stated that a meeting would take place in Winston-Salem tomorrow, March 19, 1993, with the participants being [] and Bishop BROOKINS.

[] further advised that also involved in the purchase of this property would be [] [] advised the Bishop mentioned a possible second meeting involving NC Senator [].

[] advised that a proposal was mentioned whereby the DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS would be interested in buying this property for a prison, in that they were looking for such property and the fact that the property contains buildings which are suitable on the land.

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[] advised that through his conversations with BROOKINS that there was no indication of any illegal activity to date, but that he wanted to share this information in that something did not seem right. [] advised that he did not want to tape record any of the phone calls or meeting with BROOKINS and [] until he could further identify if there was anything illegal going on in this transaction.

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[] advised that he had made the loan to the church due to the fact that he had done business with the church, whereby the church purchased books and other materials regarding anti-drug work and anti-drug education.

[] was advised by the investigating Agents that the probable investigation would include the consensual monitoring of telephone calls and face-to-face meetings to identify subjects of any activity or eliminate persons as being involved in illegal activity. [] stated that he did not want to tape record the telephone calls or meetings, and that he could offer no other reason other than it was a philosophical one for his not wanting to make the consensual monitorings at the request of law enforcement personnel.

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BROOKINS, HAMEL, HARTFORD

6209 STONEHAM LANE

MCLEAN, VA 22101

SEX/M. DOB/082525. HGT/510. WGT/220. HAI/BL. EYE/BR.

SOC/ 426362084

DRIVER: EXP/ 08 95

DRIVER LICENSE STATUS - LICENSED CLASS: NONE

RESTR: NONE

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Memorandum



To : SAC, CHARLOTTE (194B-CE-68335) (P) Date 7/29/94

From : SA [redacted]

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Subject: [redacted]

HOBBS ACT - BRIBERY;
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Attached is a list of personal data and company names associated with subject [redacted] for searching of register of deeds records requested in lead section.

Interviews conducted in captioned matter identified that a personal loan was made by subject [redacted] to a BISHOP H. HARTFORD BROOKINS, the leader of the AME ZION CHURCH in Washington, D.C. The loan was supposedly made without the authorization or consent of the church directors, whereby property owned by the church was deeded to subject [redacted] in exchange for the loan as collateral. The property reportedly deeded to [redacted] was the Kittrell College at Vance County, North Carolina.

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A review of subject [redacted] financial records has identified a number of checks being sent to [redacted] from the 2ND EPISCOPAL DISTRICT SOCIAL ACTION PROGRAM, 1134 11th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001. The checks were returned for non-sufficient funds and then re-submitted.

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It is requested that the Vance County Register of Deeds be researched for any property transactions on the property commonly known as Kittrell College versus the attached list of personal data and company names for subject [redacted].

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LEAD

CHARLOTTE DIVISION

AT VANCE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Query Register of Deeds records for Vance County regarding any transactions on the Kittrell College property for grantor and grantee indexes for subjects for the time period of 1990 through the current date.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 02/01/1997

To: Charlotte

Attn: SA [redacted]
Raleigh RA

From: [redacted]
Wilmington RA

Contact: SA [redacted] 910-791-9393

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]:sah

File Number(s): 194B-CE-68335 (Pending)

Title:

HOBBS ACT - BRIBERY

Synopsis: Re-set lead to identify ownership of property which may be associated in bribery matter.

Enclosures: Enclosed for receiving Agent is one copy of an FD-302, dated 8/22/94; and one insert identifying personal data of subject [redacted].

Details: In summary, this matter was initiated by allegations of [redacted] making bribery payments to obtain a state contract with the Department of Corrections. [redacted] was approached on another pending bribery matter and advised that he was making payments to subject [redacted] through the Poplar Springs United Church of Christ, 6115 Old Stage Road, Raleigh, NC 27603. [redacted] later obtained an attorney and was attempting to curry favor with the U.S. Attorney's Office and alleged that another matter of interest in the FBI's jurisdiction involved property located in Vance County formerly known as the Kittrell College property.

[redacted] stated that he had a friendship with H. Hartford Brookins Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. The church owned the Kittrell College property. [redacted] alleged that he had made a personal loan in the amount of approximately \$250,000 to Brookins and Brookins had encumbered the church property at Kittrell College by giving [redacted] a note against the property to be held as collateral. [redacted] further advised that Brookins was very nervous that the church would find out that he

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had appropriated or encumbered the church property to [redacted] on an unrelated church personal debt. Brookins was supposedly nervous that this would in some way affect his pension from the church if he were held accountable.

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[redacted] advised that he was being requested to attend a meeting between Brookins, an individual identified as [redacted] [redacted] Governor James B. Hunt, and others unknown about the sale of the property. The sale was allegedly to the Department of Corrections for the building of the prison on the site. [redacted] advised that he was told that if the property could be sold to the state, that he would be paid his money and the lien against the church property which was given to [redacted] as collateral would be extinguished or satisfied.

[redacted] was interviewed in the presence of his attorney and was requested to wear a wire to the meeting but refused. [redacted] stated that it was a philosophical opposition to the wire in that although the meeting was suspicious, he did not feel that he had enough evidence that something unlawful was taking place with the property and the Department of Corrections attempting to purchase the property.

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The attached FD-302 identifies that the property was encumbered with a "grantor" as the AME Church in Washington, D.C., to the beneficiary - [redacted]
[redacted].

Inasmuch as [redacted] cooperation was never fully attained and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the EDNC declined prosecution in the collateral matter against [redacted] negating any leverage, no recent contact has been made with [redacted] in this investigation.

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It is anticipated that this matter will be closed in the near future due to lack of evidence to support the allegations against [redacted] in that [redacted] will not testify and authenticate bribery payments. In view of this, it is requested that a second records check of the Kittrell College property be conducted to identify if in fact the State of NC through the Department of Corrections has purchased the property or has any type of lease agreement regarding the property. This is being done for intelligence purposes prior to the closing of this case.

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Set Lead 1:

CHARLOTTE DIVISION

AT HENDERSON, NORTH CAROLINA

Conduct a records check for the Kittrell College property to identify if the property has been transferred to or leased by the State of North Carolina, Department of Corrections. Attempt to contact other logical sources in Vance County to identify what the current status of Kittrell College is with relation to any building or ownership.

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